Agency 075

Office of the Governor

Recommendation Summary

Dollars in Thousands

2009-11 Expenditure Authority	Annual FTEs General Fund State		Other Funds	Total Funds
	54.5	11,541	1,500	13,041
Total Maintenance Level	54.5	11,888	1,500	13,388
Difference		347		347
Percent Change from Current Biennium	0.0%	3.0%	0.0%	2.7%
Performance Changes				
Staff Reduction	(2.5)	(635)		(635)
Reduce Hood Canal Coordination Council	(/	(20)		(20)
Move Hood Canal Coordination Council		(160)		(160)
Suspend Plan 1 Uniform COLA #		(155)		(155)
Subtotal	(2.5)	(970)		(970)
Total Proposed Budget	52.0	10,918	1,500	12,418
Difference	(2.5)	(623)		(623)
Percent Change from Current Biennium	(4.6)%	(5.4)%	0.0%	(4.8)%
Total Proposed Budget by Activity				
Executive Operations for Governor's Office	39.6	8,444		8,444
Maintenance of Governor's Mansion	(.5)	(50)		(50)
Office of the Family and Children's Ombudsman	7.5	1,378		1,378
Economic Development		1,010	1,500	1,500
Education Ombudsman	5.4	1,146	,	1,146
Total Proposed Budget	52.0	10,918	1,500	12,418

PERFORMANCE LEVEL CHANGE DESCRIPTIONS

Staff Reduction

One part-time position in the Governor's Mansion is eliminated. The Office of the Family and Children and the Education Ombudsman will each eliminate one position. Funding for goods, services, and travel is reduced.

Reduce Hood Canal Coordination Council

Funding for projects, reports and other activities of the Hood Canal Aquatic Rehabilitation Program under RCW 90.88.030 is reduced by 11 percent.

Move Hood Canal Coordination Council

Funding for projects, reports, and other activities of the Hood Canal Aquatic Rehabilitation Program under RCW 90.88.030 is transferred to the Puget Sound Partnership.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTIONS

Executive Operations for Governor's Office

The Governor is the chief executive officer of the state, responsible for the overall administration of the affairs of the state of Washington. The Office of the Governor includes staff members who assist the Governor with administrative support, communicating with the public, and representing the Governor's policy recommendations to the Legislature.

Maintenance of Governor's Mansion

The Executive Mansion is provided by the state for the Governor's residential use and to fulfill ceremonial responsibilities. The Governor's personal expenses are the responsibility of the Governor and are not included in the mansion budget.

Office of the Family and Children's Ombudsman

The Office of the Family and Children's Ombudsman (OFCO) is responsible for investigating complaints against state agencies involving the protection of children from abuse and neglect, and/or the provision of child welfare services. OFCO researches issues facing the child protection/welfare system and recommends changes for improvements.

Economic Development

The Governor, upon the recommendation of the Department of Commerce and the Economic Development Commission uses the Economic Development Strategic Reserve to invest in public infrastructure or technical assistance to prevent business closure or relocation outside the state and to recruit businesses to Washington.

Education Ombudsman

The Education Ombudsman was created to advocate on behalf of elementary and secondary students and to provide information and investigative services to parents, students, and others regarding their rights and responsibilities in the state's public elementary and secondary education system, and advocating on behalf of elementary and secondary schools.